

# Uganda-Arua

## Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS)

### FACT SHEET . . . . .



The Uganda GYTS includes data on prevalence of cigarette and other tobacco use as well as information on five determinants of tobacco use: access/availability and price, environmental tobacco smoke exposure (ETS), cessation, media and advertising, and school curriculum. These determinants are components Uganda could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The Uganda GYTS was a school-based survey of students in grades S1, S2 & S3 conducted in 2002. A two-stage

cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of Uganda. At the first stage, schools were selected with probability proportional to enrollment size. At the second stage, classes were randomly selected and all students in selected classes were eligible to participate. The school response rate was 88.0%, the student response rate was 70.5%, and the overall response rate was 62.1%. A total of 1528 students participated in the Uganda-Arua GYTS.

#### Prevalence

33.1% of students had ever smoked cigarettes (Male = 38.2%, Female = 21.7%)  
 33.1% currently use any tobacco product (Male = 35.0%, Female = 27.7%)  
 21.9% currently smoke cigarettes (Male = 24.3%, Female = 15.7%)  
 21.2% currently use other tobacco products (Male = 21.7%, Female = 19.2%)  
 11.0% of never smokers are likely to initiate smoking next year

#### Knowledge and Attitudes

38.1% think boys and 18.9% think girls who smoke have more friends  
 11.2% think boys and 6.1% think girls who smoke look more attractive

#### Access and Availability - Current Smokers

19.4% usually smoke at home  
 40.8% buy cigarettes in a store  
 60.9% who bought cigarettes in a store were NOT refused purchase because of their age

#### Environmental Tobacco Smoke

47.3% live in homes where others smoke in their presence  
 66.9% are around others who smoke in places outside their home  
 31.9% think smoking should be banned from public places  
 57.6% think smoke from others is harmful to them  
 37.7% have one or more parents who smoke  
 10.4% have most or all friends who smoke

#### Cessation - Current Smokers

80.7% want to stop smoking  
 71.8% tried to stop smoking during the past year  
 86.4% have ever received help to stop smoking

#### Media and Advertising

73.9% saw anti-smoking media messages, in the past 30 days  
 59.6% saw pro-cigarette ads on billboards, in the past 30 days  
 58.7% saw pro-cigarette ads in newspapers or magazines, in the past 30 days  
 24.0% have an object with a cigarette brand logo  
 21.5% were offered free cigarettes by a tobacco company representative

#### School

76.9% had been taught in class, during the past year, about the dangers of smoking  
 68.1% had discussed in class, during the past year, reasons why people their age smoke  
 79.9% had been taught in class, during the past year, the effects of tobacco use

#### Highlights

- 33% of students currently use any form of tobacco; 22% currently smoke cigarettes; 21% currently use some other form of tobacco.
- ETS exposure indicates that – almost 5 in 10 students live in homes where others smoke in their presence; almost 7 in 10 are exposed to smoke in public places.
- Almost 6 in 10 of students think smoke from others is harmful to them.
- 3 in 10 students think smoking in public places should be banned.
- 8 in 10 smokers want to quit.
- 7 in 10 students saw anti-smoking media messages in the past 30 days; Almost 6 in 10 students saw pro-cigarette ads in the past 30 days.